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## To Trade with British Co-ops

MAY RUN IN N. GREY



AIR VICE-MARSHAL  
A. E. GODFREY

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor-General of Canada who may be nominated as the C.C.F. candidate for the federal riding of North Grey in the by-election which General A. G. L. McNaughton is contesting. Prior to his retirement at the end of 1943, Vice-Marshal Godfrey was Deputy Inspector-General for Eastern Canada. A sportsman and a leader, he is a man of outstanding executive ability. Coming from the ranks himself he was immensely popular with the men serving under him. One of the pioneers of flying he built his own plane in 1913. In the last war he invented an automatic rifle and later made a gun-mounting for his plane, so that he flew the first British Single Seater Fighter in France equipped with two guns. Under his guidance other men were inspired to great careers in the air, and boys were trained to use the plane as a new and useful machine.



PERSONAL  
STUFF  
BY  
E. E. R.

An old story tells of a man going to live in a new community. He approached an old Quaker and asked him what kind of people lived in the town. The old gentleman answered "what kind of people lived in the place where they resided last?" "They were a pretty poor lot," was the reply. "Mean, suspicious and crooked. I was glad to get away from them." Sadly the Quaker said: "I am sorry, sir, to have to tell thee that they will find the same kind of people here." "Another stranger coming to live in the same town addressed the same question to the old Quaker and in turn was asked, "what kind of people lived in the place from whence, they came?" The answer came quickly and enthusiastically: "They were grand kind, neighborly, square-shooting—the finest people I'd ever met!" The old man smiled. "I am happy to tell thee, friend," he said, "that

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### Labor Urges Full Control Of NZ Banks

Annual Conference of Labor Party Strongly Favors Move

WELLINGTON, N.Z. — Hailed by delegates as a forward step which would bring enormous benefits to the people of New Zealand, a decision was made by the annual conference of the Labor Party to urge the government to take complete control of the Bank of New Zealand.

There was a scene of unprecedented enthusiasm in the conference when the decision was made, and delegates after delegate rose to express the confidence of the Labor Movement in the results of the decision if carried into effect.

The opinion was voiced by many that the taking over by the State of

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### DROP DIRECTOR OF BLOOD CLINIC FROM HOSP. BD.

Over the protests of Ald. H. D. Ainsley, C.C.F. representative, the Edmonton City Council (dominated by the Citizens Committee non-political slate), refused to reappoint Dr. Mary Hunter to the Edmonton Hospital Board although re-naming two lawyers to bring the legal representation on the board up to three. Not one woman representative was appointed to the Hospital, Health, Exhibition or Library Boards. The only woman appointed was the Y.W.C.A. representative to the Recreation Commission.

Dr. Hunter, who is director of the Edmonton Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic on a voluntary basis, has been one of the most faithful attendants at Board and committee meetings during her three-year term of office. Her technical training made her a valuable member of the board, but being a woman of progressive views her advice was

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### CCF Minister Sounds Out Societies in Great Britain

Old Country Co-ops Look to Greatly Increased Exchange Of Goods

REGINA, Sask.—Possibilities of trade that may have a far-reaching effect on Saskatchewan and other Western Canadian co-operatives, as well as fostering greater industrial development in Saskatchewan, are seen in the recent trip to Great Britain of Hon. L. F. McIntosh, provincial minister of co-operation and co-operative development.

Mr. McIntosh, one of the first if not the first, Canadian cabinet member to sound out Scottish and British co-operatives on matters of mutual trade, found the latter keenly interested in exchanging their manufactured goods for Canadian agricultural products, and quite anxious to work amicably with a government which is encouraging the co-operative movement. It is possible that from the negotiations set in motion by Mr. McIntosh a trade exchange of considerable magnitude could be developed between the United Kingdom and Canadian co-operatives.

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### GOOD DEMAND FOR NEW SASK. BONDS

REGINA, Sask.—Applications, and cheques for Saskatchewan Industrial Development Bonds are arriving in considerable numbers at the office of Provincial Treasurer C. M. Fines, and totalled around \$60,000 before Christmas.

The bonds, for a 10-year period and bearing interest at 3 per cent, were issued early in the New Year. Under terms of the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Fund Act, which gave authority to borrow up to \$5,000,000, proceeds of the bond sale are to be devoted exclusively to development of industries in the province. Two projects which will be financed definitely through this bond issue are the \$125,000 woolen mill at Moose Jaw and the fish filleting plant in the north. Among other projects "con-

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### CCF CONFERENCE OF GREAT VALUE — LEE

"Our only hope for national unity lies in conferences such as this", Clifford E. Lee, provincial treasurer, declared on his return from Winnipeg where he attended the C.C.F. inter-provincial conference last week-end. Every province was represented except New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. "It was a hopeful sign indeed to find representatives who may shortly be called upon to form governments in many of the provinces meeting and discussing problems on an inter-provincial basis," he said. "Certainly no other party has adopted this commendable approach to provincial issues."

The C.C.F. delegates urged that when the next Dominion-Provincial government conference is held that opposition parties be given representation. It was pointed out that many of those sitting in the opposition ranks may shortly assume the reins of office and if they were invited to attend, the benefits of any federal-provincial conference would not be lost when they assumed power.

Mr. Lee stated that the C.C.F. conference devoted a great deal of time to a discussion of provincial finances.

In spite of the fact that the Winnipeg press was daily suggesting that there was disagreement and fighting between what the dailies termed, "opportunists" and "die-hard Socialists", Mr. Lee said that he "never heard a harsh word spoken."

### N.Z. Unions Invest in a Daily Paper

WELLINGTON, N.Z.—Giving a practical lead to its affiliated unions the annual conference of the New Zealand Federation of Labor unanimously adopted a recommendation by its national council that the national executive be authorized to invest \$2,000 from the funds of the Federation in New Zealand Labour Newspapers, Ltd.

VISITS OLD COUNTRY CO-OPS



HON. L. F. MCINTOSH,  
Minister of Co-Operation and  
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cussed matters of mutual trade  
with British and Scottish Co-  
operative Development in  
visited the British Isles recently.

### WAR FORCES GOVT. TO PLAN ECONOMY

"The new world after the war will be exactly what we make it and nothing more," William Irvine warned when he addressed the Edmonton C. C. F. on Friday evening. The federal government had been successful in prosecuting the war only in so far as it had adopted C. C. F. principles, he said, and unless we saw to it that these principles dominated our economic life following the war, there would be no security for the great mass of the Canadian people.

Mr. Irvine, who is the C. C. F. candidate for the federal constituency of Cariboo, B. C., expressed his appreciation to the Alberta C.C.F. for making it possible for him to devote his full time to organizing work in his riding. He was formerly organizer and provincial secretary of the Alberta C. C. F. and was granted leave of absence as Alberta organizer last fall.

Lines Sharply Drawn

The lines were sharply drawn not only in the international field

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### POOR DISTRIBUTION CANADIAN MEDICOS

A survey recently published in the *Labour Gazette* shows the wide inequality in medical personnel among the provinces. In March, 1943, Canada's civilian population was estimated at 11,861,158, being served by 8,614 physicians, or an average of one per 1,361 persons. By provinces the distribution was as follows:

Prince Edward Island had 52 physicians, or one to 1,659 persons;  
Nova Scotia had 366 physicians, or one to 1,450 persons;  
New Brunswick had 198 physicians, or one to 2,136 persons;  
Quebec had 2,651 physicians, or one to 1,206 persons;  
Ontario had 3,326 physicians, or one to 1,068 persons;  
Manitoba had 473 physicians, or one to 1,438 persons;  
Saskatchewan had 408 physicians, or one to 2,905 persons;  
Alberta had 460 physicians, or one to 1,262 persons;  
British Columbia had 650 physicians, or one to 1,168 persons.

## A New Year's Message

From M. J. COLDWELL, M.P.  
C.C.F. National Leader

Another eventful year has gone by. It has been in many ways a successful year for the C.C.F. In every Province our local clubs and organizations have gained in influence and membership. In the Province of Saskatchewan the first socialist government in the New World has been formed, and already this government has taken giant strides toward the Co-operative Commonwealth which is our goal.

Let me, at this time, thank all those loyal C.C.F.'ers who have made the C.C.F. what it is today. Our movement has grown in size and influence, and every month

sees further growth, but its success continues to depend upon the devoted efforts of individual members. These members may not get their names in the paper, but day after day they are doing the organizational work that makes all the difference. If the C.C.F. is a threat today to the old discredited ways of doing things, it is because the efforts of individual C.C.F.'ers have made it so.

As I write this message the German armies are lashed upon in new, savage attack. We on the home front must back up our fighting men to the limit, and the prosecution of this war to a successful

conclusion must always be uppermost in our minds.

When we consider the tragic circumstances in Greece, Italy, Belgium, Poland and other countries, and the magnitude of the military task ahead, it becomes necessary to restate in emphatic terms our basic C.C.F. war policies. We have taken the position that the prosecution of the war and preparations for peace, are not separate problems, but two parts of the same fight for victory. We believe that it is folly to flout and disregard the social ends for which the war is being fought.

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# THE ISSUE in British Politics

By Jennie Lee

Jennie Lee, who visited Canada a few years ago addressing audiences throughout the Dominion, has been out of the British Labor Party since 1931. She has now rejoined it and in this article she explains the reasons why she has done so. The article is reproduced by courtesy of the "Tribune," an English publication edited by her husband, Aneurin Bevan, who has himself recently been elected to the executive of the Labor Party.

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I HAD been discussing the future of the British Labor Party at a London meeting of Austrian Socialists. An elderly man spoke to me at the end of the meeting. At first glance I failed to recognize him. Then he reminded me that we had met before, more than ten years ago. It was in Vienna. He was then the leader of the Schutzbund in the Döbling area. Like all Austrian Socialists, he was keenly interested in the future of British Labor, knowing well that his own future and his country's future are vitally interlocked with ours.

Encounters of this kind with European Socialists who have been in and out of gulags and concentration camps during the past twelve years leave me feverishly anxious to see the Tories of Britain dislodged from power. There is so much, so very much at stake. Socialists must never forget that the evils of Tory diplomacy before the war, and of much they are up to even while the fight against Hitler goes on, reach out over the whole world. Not that the good a robust Socialist administration in Britain could do would be equally universal.

## Look to Labor

London these days is a great international gathering ground. I meet Socialists of almost every nation and race. Some come as soldiers. Some come as refugees. Some come as conference delegates. But in whatever way they arrive, the burden of what they have to say is the same. Our own kind of people from all over the world are looking to us to get rid of the Tories. They are anxious to be assured that the chances of achieving a Socialist Britain after the war are really good.

The most optimistic group of Socialists I have met recently is the Canadian C.F. delegation to the London conference of British and Dominion Labor Parties. They have been making excellent progress and reckon they will become the government of Canada before they are many years older. But while talking over Canadian prospects with them some one made the suggestion that our Tories might retain a majority at the next election. Again I was brought back to the same theme. That, they insisted, would be a body blow for them as well as for us. If we made headway here, they would get ahead all the faster in Canada. If we failed, then our failure would certainly retard their success.

Since so much depends on us, it is time we were setting about in deadly earnest the winning of the General Election. It can be done. The Labor Party's decision to go to the country free from all Tory entanglements gives us our chance. The next thing is for Socialists to become attuned to the nature of the 1945 electorate. Of this I am certain. It knows little and cares less about pre-war Socialist controversies. Differences between Labor Party, I.L.P., Commonwealth, C.P., have it to extinction. It is just no use asking this new electorate to choose between a number of complicated alternatives. It can say Yes or No, Tory or Socialist. Wartime is slogan



JENNIE LEE

time. War conditions beget a white and black mentality. Those Socialists for whom denominational differences are the very spice of life may deplore this state of affairs. But deploring it will not alter it. Next year's voters, if given a straight choice between Tory and Socialist, will be able to understand what is happening. If offered several rival brands of Socialism they will be carried entirely beyond their depth and only the Tories will benefit.

## Unified Socialist Appeal

It is against a background of such considerations that I have rejoined the Labor Party. When Socialists in other countries look towards Britain, distance irons out sectarian differences. All they see are the broad outlines of the struggle of Socialist against Tory. When millions of our own people turn their minds towards election prospects, many of them taking part in politics for the first time in their lives, they too will see only the broad outlines. That is inevitable.

No solid Socialist campaigning has been done in Britain for several years. Here and there a local Labor Party has attempted a series of meetings. Common Wealth has broken some fresh ground. The I.L.P. has offered a mixed diet of Socialism and near-pacifism.

But the sum of all those efforts barely touches the fringe of the educational job that has to be done. And there is not much time in which to do it. Only a simple, unified Socialist appeal can get through to the general mass of electors in time. The stakes are too high for us to take any undue risks. This coming election has got to be won.

A Tory victory would break the hearts of the people of this country entirely. Cynicism, already a common enough disease, would become a raging epidemic. Too late a duped people would discover that all the wartime talk about employment schemes, housing schemes, Beveridge schemes, had been just so much dishonest electioneering. And abroad the Tories would be back at their old game of supporting privilege and reaction everywhere. Hitler would have been eliminated but a new crop of little Hitlers would have taken his place.

One of the ironies of politics is that broke Tory promises breed cynicism, but it is the Socialists, not the Tories on whose heads punishment descends. The Tories don't mind ordinary men and

women losing confidence in representative government. That is the kind of mood that makes it easy for them to ridicule party politics, to campaign for a "strong man leading a united nation" type of government and so on to plain, undisguised Fascism.

Just how far cynicism is already undermining representative institutions is difficult to measure. Some people tell me that men in the army are keenly political and Labor in their sympathies. Others tell me there is little interest in politics and less belief that anything worth while will be done after the war no matter what type of government is returned.

An Austrian Socialist friend, now in the British army, tells me that he has been arguing with the men in his unit about filling up papers entitling them to vote at the next election. A keen Socialist, he is appalled by the general attitude. "Why bother," the majority say, "it does not matter who gets in. They'll make fine promises before going to parliament and they all forget them once they get there."

With a year in a concentration camp followed by several years of exile to sharpen his awareness of all that the loss of democratic institutions means, my Austrian friend was naturally alarmed. I told him that the same men who now would not take the trouble to fill in a voting form would be caught up in the general excitement when they found themselves in an election atmosphere and would be hoarse shouting their indignation if, when the time came, they found they could not vote.

## No Watering Down

As I see it, what happens next in British politics is largely a matter of timing. Cynicism can be scattered to the winds and robust enthusiasm take its place if a simple, unified Socialist appeal can be worked out in time.

It will have to be simple. But it will also have to be full blooded. If war conditions reduce most things to primitive colors, those colors are at least strong.

There is no need for the Labor Party to dilute its Socialist appeal to meet the temper of the present day voters. War has accustomed them to drastic measures, Socialist leaders who insist that the same whole hog attitude be adopted to the rebuilding of Britain as was asked for in fighting the war, will be talking a language almost universally understood and approved.

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## War Forces Gov't Plan Economy

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but on the home front as well with so-called free private enterprise struggling to re-establish the conditions which produced the hungry thirties, he said. The outcome of that struggle would depend in the common people.

Just as capitalism had failed to meet the needs of the people between 1929 and 1939, so it had failed to meet the exigencies of war because it could not or would not provide the capital necessary to produce war materials on the same basis as the soldiers are now fighting. In fact, he declared it appeared just as willing to sell goods to our enemies as to Canada if the shipments of materials to Japan were any criterion.

## C. C. F. Principles

The government of the day had to come to the rescue by the adoption of certain well-known C. C. F. principles which the government itself had repudiated for the previous ten years. It had to provide public capital out of the treasury to private corporations to enable them to extend capital equipment as well as to expend one billion dollars in government plants. The government also had to do a little planning; it was compelled by the necessity of the hour to co-ordinate the whole industrial life of the nation, to provide that instruments of war and other necessities should take preference over golf balls. It also found it necessary to institute price control.

Mr. Irvine contended that if the government had conscripted wealth there would have been no difficulty over the conscription of men. The C. C. F. also objected to the procedure that enabled private corporations to make profits out of publicly financed plants. Then too, he pointed out, war-time controls were under the direction of dollar-a-year men on loan to the government from private corporations.

## Foreign Markets

The C. C. F. proposed a vast program of public welfare that would employ all our people, first making a survey of the nation's economic potentialities. The old parties contended that future well-being of the nation depended on ability to grab foreign markets. The C. C. F. recognized all legitimate foreign markets but it didn't believe in killing the goose that laid the golden eggs at home. Surveys indicated that the Canadian people must vastly increase their capacity to consume and the C. C. F. would make it possible for them to secure access to the products they could use under a sane economic system.

In converting from war to peacetime needs the federal government had indicated that it would not give public enterprise a head start over private business, so said Mr. Irvine, "it is going to give you a behind start by demolishing one billion dollars of capital plant financed by the Canadian people."

Similarly the Liberal administration had promised for 30 years to aid co-operatives, but once

they became a threat to private business, Mackenzie King resorted to the classical position of appointing a Royal Commission. This commission would be kept busy until the election was over when King would do exactly what he pleased with the co-ops if he should be successful in winning the election. The old parties know that private business cannot compete with co-operative enterprise, hence the attempt to throttle their efforts.

The C. C. F. would also see to it that Canada adopted all the characteristics of nationhood. Mr. Irvine drew attention to the fact that when M. J. Coldwell queried Mr. King about the Greek situation the Prime Minister had nothing to say. "If Canada had a foreign policy," said Mr. Irvine, "it would have let Mr. Churchill know where this nation stood on a situation such as had developed in Greece. It didn't. The C. C. F. would have attended to that."

## Entertainment

Refreshments were served following Mr. Irvine's address and later in the evening dancing was enjoyed. Also contributing to the program were: Miss Eleanor Bowerman with vocal selections, accompanied by her sister, and the C. C. F. violin quartette composed of Mrs. Fred White, Mrs. Anne Mather, Miss Diane Elliott and Miss H. Filipowicz. Jack Dennistoun led the community singing.

Art Thornton was in the chair.

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templated", said Mr. Fines, were a boot and shoe factory and a glucose plant.

Mr. Fines stated that he has been "assured of the co-operation of many of the sales and staff members of the Victory Loan organization in this province. We have had many offers of assistance to put this bond issue across and make it a success."

Conducting the campaign, will be P. Lt. E. W. Campbell, formerly a teacher at Melville before enlisting in the R.C.A.F. He was recently discharged because of curtailment of the British Commonwealth Air Training plan.

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I wish to join with the Editor in greeting The People's Weekly as an official C. C. F. publication carrying the message of socialism to multitudes of Canadians across the wide Dominion.

I don't know the personnel of the editorial committee which will decide the policies of the P. W., but whoever they are—I wish them success in their duties. It is not always going to be easy to decide what should go in print from the variety of material now at hand dealing with social problems. There will be times when they will feel themselves "on the spot." I hope on such occasions they can avail themselves of the good counsel of the Editor. My association with him in the publicity work for the C. C. F. has developed in me much respect and admiration for his sense of fair play and for his deep understanding of the principles of democracy and socialism. This devotion and self-denial to the cause of socialism has been an inspiration to many to do likewise. I know he has carried a bigger burden in the building of the C. C. F. movement in Alberta than most of us. And, he has done it so gracefully that few of us suspected it.

If he remains on the committee in any capacity I do not fear for the future of The People's Weekly. And, what I have said about the Editor also goes for Miss Isabel MacMillan. There was a team that would grace any paper anywhere.

But, what of the New Year? I feel that all of us have that question on our minds when we meet our friends. The curtain rises for another act and we glance at each other wondering what will be the plan or how will it end. Well, I must confess that what has gone before is not much of an indication as to what is to follow. All the guesses and speculations of the past year have not been much help, have they? We must admit that our wishes have been fathers to our thoughts as to the outcome of the global struggle.

The struggle has grown in scope and in bitterness and in suffering. It's useless to speculate. All we know is that we are at grips with a deadly enemy whose strength and resourcefulness are amazing. We know that both enemies are fighting close, to their home lands and that they are fierce and fanatical in their convictions. There are scores of millions of them. Sometimes it looks as if they do not know the meaning of the term defeat.

In such case it will resolve into a war of extermination which is not a pleasant prospect. Such a war of attrition can well drag on for many years wearing out both losers and winners. There is no assurance that this will not become a war of endurance. In which case we are really in for it. What kind of an ending it may be, is anybody's guess. But, it won't be a very happy ending for humanity at large, that's a cinch.

## The People Speak

Letters to the editor may be published under a pseudonym, but in each case the name and address of the writer must be forwarded to the editor as evidence of good faith. The People's Weekly takes no responsibility for opinions expressed by correspondents and will not publish any letters exceeding 250 words in length.

### ANSWERS MR. CHRISTIE

Editor, The People's Weekly: Sir, Please permit me to reply to Mr. John Christie. What I said about Mr. Asquith's fortune was quoted from a London newspaper; I knew that Lady Oxford wrote books but I did not know she had to do it to eke out a living. I hope I have not done them an injustice.

However, it cannot be denied that the great Assam dam on the River Nile was financed by British capital in order to exploit dirt-cheap native labor. Not many moons have passed since ship building in Vancouver was slowed up from 60 to 100 days. There is a surplus of grain in this country. At the same time many natives of India were dying on the streets of Calcutta of starvation. The excuse of the governing imperialists was the shortage of ships.

Mr. Christie should have read what the British Labor Party said about it. He confuses the Empire with the British Commonwealth of Nations, which the Labor parties including the C.C.F. are endeavoring to bring about.

Of course there will be trading between nations under Socialism, but why should there be a "short end" as Mr. Christie hopes.

Capitalist exploitation will not be overcome by printing money and handing it to all and sundry; that is inflation. When the workers of the world unite and decide to no longer carry parasitic capitalists on their backs, they will not need "Social" or any other kind of Credit.

TOM RUSSELL.

Hollyburn, B. C.

### TALK! TALK! TALK!

Editor, The People's Weekly: Sir, In a provincial election Social Credit leaders talk about Dominion finance. They, as a province, could do nothing about it. In a Dominion election they talk about international finance. As a Dominion matter they could, if elected, do nothing about that either. It is evident that all they intend to do is to talk. This is evident to the big shots and is becoming evident to the common people. It is becoming evident that talk for election purposes is all they ever did intend to do. Talk to gain power, talk about something over which they have no power to do anything when elected. That is the art of getting elected on a platform which exists only in the imagination. Social Credit leaders have carried it to the nth degree. To obtain ten dollars in civil life by false pretenses is a crime, but to obtain a ten thousand dollar job in politics is only a cheerful thing about such a war of attrition if we have to endure it. And that is the fact that in such a long term war the capitalist order itself is destroyed and the chances for revival of the competitive system are reduced to a minimum.

But look as we will the prospects for 1945 are more blood, tears and sweat. I am afraid it will not bring much happiness to many people. The best that I could say to anyone for the New Year is: Good luck and good fighting.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Publication Board under whose direction The People's Weekly is now issued, has expressed a desire to have more letters from readers appear in the paper. In order to provide for as many as possible each week the Board has ruled that letters must not exceed 250 words. (This is approximately the number of words used in an editorial). Instructions from the Board are very definite that no letters are to be published if they exceed the limit set. The idea is to get more letters from more readers.

litical life by false pretenses, seems to be the height of cleverness and is lauded by the majority.

The reaction of the public to the disappointment over unfulfilled political promises is frustration and desperation. That is just the right soil for Nazism. If Nazism were to spring up in Canada we would have the Social Credit gang and their big shot backers to thank for it. If they with their policy of planned political deception are the best example we have in Canada of a "Christian Democracy" the people, becoming disgusted with something posing to be what it is not, could almost be excused for turning to something (no matter how bad) which stands for what it is.

Political false pretenses, deception, frustration, confusion, these are the tools by which Social Credit leaders are laying the foundation stones for Nazism in Canada.

I. V. MACKLIN.

Grande Prairie, Alta.

### LIKES C. C. F. PROGRAM

Editor, The People's Weekly: Sir: The Dec. 9 issue of P. W. is worth a whole year's subscription to anyone who takes a serious interest in the social and economic life of the people.

M. J. Coldwell's address in the House of Parliament recently was a masterpiece of statesmanship. Hasten the day when he will be Prime Minister of Canada, and may I add, hasten the day when Chester A. Ronning will be Premier of Alberta. When that happens we will have a truly christian premier without any sham.

The C.C.F. program adopted at the recent convention is the most progressive and comprehensive political platform that has ever been presented to the Canadian people for their serious consideration. It will take courage and tenacity to enact it into legislation and put it into operation. But if a government elected on that platform gets the wholehearted support and backing of those who will be beneficiaries of such legislation, it will be accomplished successfully.

When the new educational system proposed by the C.C.F. government in Saskatchewan is put into operation it will be in the forefront of educational systems in Canada. I note that the curriculum will contain a course on "Character Building." May I suggest that this course should include the fundamentals of Christianity. Moral character is not complete unless it is supplemented by Christian character.

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Woking, Alta.

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### H. ZELLA SPENCER

A Happy New Year to all—happier, oh much, much happier than have been the last few years with the terrible cloud hanging over them.

That one wish at least is one old thing repeated in the same form year after year although we well know that individually and socially we change in our ideas as to what constitutes happiness. We are now going on to many new things—new customs, new problems, new viewpoints.

It is a most suitable time for our paper to take on a new life. It is indeed turning over the page and it is a suitable time in the course of years and also a suitable time of year. From what I have learned there is to be carried on much that is worth while. We are to have our old friends, Mr. Roper and Mr. Irvine and De Bunker, Lorne Ingie and also the C. C. Y. M. are also to carry on and I am sure everyone is glad of all these. I might add that I have kindly been asked to continue for a time but to be a little less

eloquacious. I might further add that that is not the first time in my life that such a suggestion has been made to me. I can well remember gracing the front seat at school day after day as a punishment because I had been over-indulging in communicating with my fellows.

In this instance it is to give greater space for correspondence. For myself, I think that a most worth-while object. Sometimes I think we get too prone to listen to the opinions of a few, whereas it is much better to get as wide a range of opinion as possible. It is well at times, too, to give a cordial "I quite agree with you," for sometimes a word of encouragement or a word showing that what one has decided as one's opinion is also the opinion of others, is most heartening. Sometimes I think our leaders must feel they are voices crying in the wilderness for all the apparent notice that has been taken aside from those faithful few who always respond with an "Amen." Going on down the scale from the leaders to the lesser lights who try to help along, I think the majority like to feel their efforts are noticed by at least a few.

Also I think it is an excellent thing to have opinions expressed by those who feel absolutely differently about some of our ideas. Sometimes quite a new conception is gathered and sometimes a subject is later cleared for the writer as well as for many readers. And, oh what a lot of good it does some of us to "let off steam" sometimes! For these reasons I think the correspondence page of the paper should be stressed and made of much value. We should all feel free to urge friend or foe to make use of it—to a certain word limit.

So most heartily I think do we all wish our paper a Happy and Successful New Year. May it achieve what it is endeavoring with fresh impetus to accomplish!

### C.G.T.A. "FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES"

Editor, The People's Weekly: Sir: The City of Calgary recently elected some C.G.T.A. candidates. No doubt the Civic Government Taxpayers' Association is very proud of the following statement circulated among the people of Calgary:

"One of the fundamental principles adopted by the association at the time of formation, and still adhered to, was the freedom of every elected representative from any influence, control, or dictation from any source or interest in their administration of the affairs of the city. The C.C.F. cannot make any such assertion! The feet and hands of their candidates are 'shackled' from the day they are nominated."

It is indeed fortunate that the C.C.F. cannot make any such assertion for these "fundamental principles" are the attributes of wooden mounds.

As a result of living up to such "fundamental principles" the feet and hands of C.G.T.A. aldermen Please turn to page five

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## IT SHOULD BE DONE NOW

**D**URING the year upon which we have entered the C.C.F. will face its greatest test. There will be a federal election and in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia there may be provincial contests.

Every member of the C.C.F. has reason to be proud of the program upon which the movement will appeal to the people in the federal election. As published in a recent issue of this paper the program is comprehensive in its scope and sound in its approach to Canadian problems. It becomes the immediate duty of every member and supporter of the C.C.F. to publish it abroad, to make it known to the voting public.

Success at the polls will, indeed, depend very largely on the loyalty and enthusiasm of those who are already "sold" on C.C.F. principles. An active organization in every constituency, the devotion of time and money by C.C.F. members to the task of making the C.C.F. program known—these are essential to success.

And the first step is immediate renewal for 1945 of all C.C.F. membership. It should be done now.

## NO HOPE FROM THEM

**"C**ANADA must guard against the rise of Socialist regimentation and dictatorship." Variations of this statement have been uttered so often by the leaders of the Social Credit Party that we have almost forgotten that it is not original with them. As a matter of fact the words quoted above form the heading of the newspaper advertisement containing the annual reports of one of the Canadian charted banks.

Incidentally, bank presidents are becoming bolder every year in their cynical prophecies that things after the war are going to be just about the way they were before the war, and that all talk about the four freedoms is so much "hooey." The President of the Dominion Bank in his annual address to the shareholders said this:

"Politicians (should) cease their misleading propaganda causing people to believe that post-war conditions will be free from want, free from fear, free from unemployment, free from depressions. . . . We are at a loss, as well as those who are making them would be at a loss, to know how to implement them."

Said Elmhore Philpott in commenting on this statement in the Vancouver Star: "If that is the best that the bankers of Canada can do in the way of a Christmas card to the unemployed service men, we need either new bankers or a new system." To which we repeat a fervent "Amen!"

## CONDEMNED BY A FRIEND

**U**NDER the heading, "The Case of Norman Jacques, M. P.," the Ottawa Citizen, which throughout the years has given unwavering support to the Social Credit movement, expresses great sorrow over the turn which Social Credit propaganda has taken in the past year.

Pointing out that the Social Crediters are now "more concerned with fighting the Communist bogey than with working to bring in Social Credit," the Ottawa paper says that this "is evidence of the distance they have travelled away from the Social Credit objective."

Referring particularly to Mr. Jacques, whose letters to the press of Canada have been a more expressive medium for his views than the House of Commons where the Citizen suggests that he has "found no opportunity to make any noteworthy contribution," the paper accuses him of "following the same line of propaganda as some of the very people who are under a totalitarian state of mind."

"It surely has been made clear to the world," says the Citizen, "that the men at the head of Nazi Germany climbed into power by playing on just such racial prejudices as hatred of the International Jew, and by exploitation of the Communist bogey. . . . such poison should have no place in the Social Credit Movement. It can only tend to stultify the efforts of sincere men whose concern in parliament should be to work for the socialization of the real credit of Canada, in other words for socialized credit or Social Credit."

The language employed by the editor of the Citizen, who has been an ardent crusader for the Douglas system of economics, reveals how thoroughly upset he is about the decision of Canadian Social Crediters to become the echo of the Hitler-Goebbels propaganda line. Messrs. Jacques, Low and Manning refer to Communism (under which they list all other radical movements) and something called "International Finance," as being the allied enemies of mankind. Hitler in his New Year speech used the words "bolshivism in the east and Jewish capitalism in the west."

## THE THIRD COLUMN

We will pay \$1.00 each issue for what the editors consider to be the best bit of published news or comment clipped from newspapers or magazines, not to exceed 100 words. Address it to: The Third Column, The People's Weekly Edmonton.

A dozen years ago a young Canadian appeared before a Rhodes scholarship examiner who also happened to be the vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The examiner asked the young man whether he would enter politics or the law when he returned from his studies in England.

"Politics," declared the young man promptly.

"With which party—Liberal or Conservative?" was the next question.

"I'm a Socialist," he replied.

"The railroad magnate smiled and said, 'I hear that Socialists believe in taking over industry. What would you do if you were in power?'"

The young man, looking him squarely in the eye, said: "I'd take over the Canadian Pacific Railroad."

David Lewis got his Rhodes scholarship. Today he is national secretary of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (C.C.F.), a political party with might in the not-too-distant future take over not only Canada's railroads, but the major part of its "free, private enterprise." And this indeed would be revolution if by revolution you mean sudden and drastic change in form of government. —Coronet, December, 1944.

In Los Angeles, newspapermen and photographers sped to the Army's Birmingham General Hospital, demanded "Where are the gals?"; received the puzzled reply "What gals?"; answered "Didn't you say you were getting in the first lady casualties?" "Hell, no," said the medics, "we said the first arrival of Leyte casualties."—Time.

Other conditions (necessary to the solution of post-war problems): "Politicians cease their misleading propaganda, causing people to believe that post-war conditions will be free from want, free from fear, free from unemployment, free from depression; that people will enjoy higher standards of living. . . . that if we can finance war production we can finance peace production. . . . If these promises are implemented even to a small degree, it must be done through greater economy, greater effort, greater expansion of our trade, . . . a lower cost of production, a lower cost of living, and a willingness to receive a less wage, a lower profit!"

—Excerpt from President C. H. Carli's address at annual meeting of shareholders of Dominion Bank of Canada published advertisement in Edmonton Journal.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill pointed out in Commons today that no one in Britain under 30 ever had cast a vote. No general elections have been held in nine years and registration for bye-elections is suspended. —Christian Science Monitor.

An article in the London Daily Mail discussing the Nazis' new rocket bomb concludes: "Transatlantic rocket shells of up to 100 tons must now be regarded as a distinct possibility within five years." —The Nation, Dec., 1944.



## WILLIAM IRVINE'S WEEKLY COMMENT

## The Tragedy of Errors

**B**RITISH troops are fighting the men of the National Liberation Front in Greece. This is described by the London Times as a "tragedy of errors that should have been avoided." That same paper appears to get at the root of the matter when it writes—"It is clear that left-wing groups believed Premier Papandreu intended to disarm and disband them while keeping armed their political enemies." The Times further writes—"If there is justification for distrust of left parties, which Churchill stated to be the basis of the present British policy, there is at least equal justification for the fear of the intentions of right-wing parties which has driven many ordinary Greeks as well as a minority of ambitious and terrorist leaders into a revolt and general strike."

Prime Minister Churchill made what is popularly known as a "fighting speech" in the Commons in defence of his stupid and criminal policy in Greece. The fact that he got very angry with his questioners did not help to convince a nation which seems to understand the whole situation better than Mr. Churchill himself.

The London Economist pounces on the Prime Minister for his "fondness for kings and princes" and warns the British people against thoughtless acceptance of the "Athens disaster." Why, asks the Economist, should the British Prime Minister who has been regarded as the champion of democracy, become the champion of princelings and discredited dynasties abroad? It answers its own question by attributing the "Athens disaster" to the fear of the old "Bolshevik bogey" and then goes on to prove that all revolutions in the last 20 years have been brought about by the reactionary right-wing parties. But the Economist scores best when it asks, "How can British foreign policy be based on an Anglo-Soviet Alliance and on a Red scare at one and the same time?"

## Error or Choice?

It would appear that while Mr. Churchill and Mr. Stalin have agreed on "spheres of influence" in Europe, there are many in Greece who incline to Stalin's rather than to Churchill's sphere. And Mr. Churchill has not hesitated to use the spear to make good his sphere.

The truth seems to be that there are those in support of the Greek government who were active in support of Fascism, while the National Liberation Front men were fighting guerrilla warfare in aid of the Allied cause. Now when the efforts of the latter have been successful, the former want to retain office, escape punishment and frustrate the left-wingers in obtaining real freedom for Greece.

The London Times correspondent tells of how right-wing groups who collaborated with the Germans wear Union Jacks while engaged in looting and in paying off old scores against their political enemies of the left-wing. And yet the British army is shooting down the left-wingers and giving protection to the Nazi collaborators. Is this a tragic error or a greater tragedy of deliberately shooting Nazism rather than Communism?

## Canadian Responsibility

Canadians have no right to interfere in British foreign policy. They have no desire to poke their noses into British affairs. But the Allied nations' policy respecting nations conquered by Germany and then retaken by the Allies is not entirely a British affair.

Prime Minister Churchill, speaking in the Commons debate, bol-

stered his argument in favor of the "Athens tragedy" by saying in effect that the Dominions had offered no objection to the policy of shooting the left-wing Greeks. That is probably true and it is precisely because we believe it is true that we protest. Hon. Mr. Mackenzie King's failure to let Mr. Churchill and the world know that we did not send our young men overseas to die in order that Mr. Churchill might be free to send in an army which should be fighting the Nazis, to shoot the peaceful and friendly people of Athens.

Our Prime Minister had nothing to say when asked by Mr. Coldwell for Canada's policy in respect to the Greek affair. Canada has no foreign policy. She never has had a foreign policy. Her young men have always been on the world's war fronts, but they have never helped to shape the policies which were the cause of bringing them there. Isolationism is bad, but it is even worse for a nation to face the responsibility of results without having a chance to deal with causes.

Mr. King like most other Canadian prime ministers is a "yes" man to Imperialists who do have foreign policies. It is too late to expect Mr. King at his age to voice a foreign policy which would reflect the new-world views of the Canadian people. But it is not too late for Canadians to insist that he state publicly as well as to Mr. Churchill that Canada as a partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations is opposed to shooting left-wing Greeks; that we do not approve of it; and that we insist that all the efforts of the British Commonwealth be centered on the defeat of Germany and Japan.

## Premature and Superficial

**S**OME months ago, Boards of State, Chambers of Commerce, city councils and the churches were planning to celebrate the end of the war in Europe. They did not plan anything important of course, just a "Hip Hurray" celebration. People could have been left to attend to that themselves. They would find their own ways of celebration. But the point is that the talk about a "V-Day" celebration was premature. Its effects were bad. It tended toward a slackening up of effort and no doubt affected voluntary enlistment considerably.

Recent events at the front show that the war is far from being won; that we better wish first before we plan celebrations. These organizations, moreover, might better employ themselves working out post-war reconstruction programs, and above all to help direct Canadian policies, domestic and foreign in such a manner as to avoid World War III. Their talk of celebration was both premature and superficial to the point of idiocy. Parents who have lost their sons in the war will be more interested in exactly what their sons were called upon to die for, than any empty celebration of the final battle.

## Financial Change Necessary

**F**OR anyone to say that the C.C.F. will finance the co-operative commonwealth just as the war is being financed gives an erroneous impression. The war is being financed in such a way that within a few years the interest charges will exceed the national revenue. The present financial system is like a snake beginning to eat itself at its own tail. If ever any snake were so foolish it would in due course find its mouth at the back of its own neck and eat it.

If the financial system is not changed, the C.C.F. could no more prevent depression than the capitalist. That is the reason why the

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# With the CCF Across Canada

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

Harold Winch, leader of the C. C. F. group in the B. C. Legislature, and Grant MacInnis, M. L. A., attended the C. C. F. inter-provincial conference in Winnipeg over the week-end. Before returning to Vancouver, Mr. Winch will stop at Regina for at least two days to confer on provincial problems with C. C. F. cabinet ministers.

A delegation representing the C. C. F. Provincial Trade Union Committee attended the last meeting of the C. C. F. Provincial Executive urging appointment of a field organizer who would specialize in the industrial field.

There is a decided swing to the C. C. F. in the territory from Prince George to Prince Rupert, according to a survey made by Vincent Segur, M.L.A., Revelstoke, during a recent tour carried out by him and William Irvine, C.C.F. candidate for the Cariboo.

## SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan had collected \$78,317.22 of its \$150,000 Victory Fund quota at the end of the year and plans to put forth every effort in the New Year to go over the top with flying colors.

## MANITOBA

Jas. Eybanc has been nominated for the federal constituency of Marquette. At a large and enthusiastic meeting held in the evening, over \$1,500 was raised for the campaign. C.C.F. candidates have yet to be nominated in Selkirk, Portage and Winnipeg North Centre.

## ONTARIO

The movement to establish a farmer-labor college in memory of the late J. S. Woodsworth has achieved its first objective. The Ontario Woodsworth Memorial Foundation announces the purchase of a large property at 665 Jarvis Street, Toronto. The property includes a 17-room building and a smaller annex on a lot 90 feet wide by 286 feet deep. The premises are large enough to provide office space which will be rented to help meet the cost of maintenance. Already the Ontario C.C.F. has spoken for sufficient space to meet its requirements.

Among recent C.C.F. federal candidates nominated are Frank F. Turner in Hastings-Peterborough, Russell Gee in Eglinton and W. C. MacDonald in Essex East. Over 50 federal candidates have now been nominated in Ontario.

## THE MARITIMES

Robert Wayne of Sydney Mines has been chosen C.C.F. federal candidate in Cape Breton. He was for several years president of the British-Canadian Co-operative Society.

Nova Scotia's C.C.F. Provincial Council at its last meeting empowered its executive to appoint another organizer, and to appoint regional secretaries. \$50.00 was voted for research work preparatory to the inter-provincial conference.

## CCF NEWS

### ALBERTA NOMINATIONS FEDERAL

Acadia—Jack Sutherland  
Athabasca—John M. Wagner  
Battle River—Henry E. Spencer.  
Bow River—J. H. Caldwell  
Calgary East—P. N. R. Morrison.  
Camrose—Fitz-Lt. Chester A. Ronning  
Edmonton East—Ald. H. D. Ainlay  
Edmonton West—Miss Mary R. Crawford  
Jasper—Edson—F.O. Harry C. Irvine  
Lethbridge—W. W. Scott  
Macleod—O. E. Wobick  
Medicine Hat—E. W. Smith  
Peace River—V. Macklin  
Red Deer—A. E. MacLellan.  
Vegreville—Michael Tomyn.  
Wetaskiwin—Wilbert Stevens

(Clip above list and send overseas so that the men in the services may become familiar with the name of the C.C.F. candidate in their home constituency.)

### CALGARY C.C.F. NEWS

Wednesday, January 10, is the date of the annual membership meeting of the Calgary C.C.F. The meeting will be at the Labor Temple and election of 1945 officers will be held.

### BOWNESS TURKEY RAFFLE

Mrs. Stewart Bowness, was the winner of the 20-pound turkey raffled by the Bowness C.C.F. Club. The turkey was donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Fairweather, Bowness.

The raffle of a delicious, home-made Christmas cake, donated to the Calgary C.C.F. by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Davidson, was very successful.

The executive wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Fairweather for their contributions.

### BOX SOCIAL

Gladys Dynes, hard-working member of the finance committee, became the owner of a substantial turkey at the Christmas party in the Labor Temple, Dec. 18. A second turkey, raffled Chinese fashion by Auctioneer Joe Sykes, was won by Mrs. W. Scott. An entertaining evening which included a sing-song and a gentleman's beauty contest was arranged by Social Convener Mrs. Marjorie Tory. Community singing was led by Captain Fecover and the beauty contest was won by B. A. Scovill, closely followed by W. Hamilton. At lunch time the prettily decorated box lunches were auctioned.

### SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

A part of the general plan for organization and as a part of preparation for the coming Federal election campaign, conferences are being held in every Federal constituency in Alberta. Two such conferences have already convened. At Wetaskiwin arrangements were made to cover the entire constituency with a series of house meetings. Mr. E. S. Sparrow, for Leduc provincial constituency; Mr. G. L. Pritchard, for Wetaskiwin; Mr. Chas. Johnston, Mrs. A. A. Kvesad and Mr. E. D. Taylor for Ponoka, and William Sopitt for Lacombe, constitute the campaign committee. It will be the duty of this committee to arrange for a force of men and

## Jack Dennistoun is With the Army Show

Announcement was made last week that Jack Dennistoun, Sergeant Instructor at Currie Barracks, had been transferred to the entertainment unit and will go on tour with the Army Show as pianist. Mrs. Dennistoun is accompanying him east.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dennistoun of Edmonton, Jack, a former CCYM'er, was always a popular performer at C.C.F. meetings.

Jack's sister, Mae, another CCYM member, also delights C.C.F. audiences with piano selections, and Mr. Dennistoun, Sr., is usually called upon to lead the community singing at social evenings, and frequently accompanies Mae on his violin.

People's Weekly readers will therefore follow with considerable interest the career of this talented member of the musical Dennistoun family as he entertains the boys in Canada and overseas. He will have the best wishes of his many C.C.F. friends in his new work.

women who will in turn be responsible for house meetings. Ponoka already has reported that a real program is under way.

At Rycroft a very genuine and enthusiastic meeting approved the plan outlined and J. W. Williams of Brownvale was appointed as campaign manager. He will be supported by a committee composed of J. W. Eastman, Peace River constituency; E. Sather, Spirit River constituency; Mike O'Grady, of Grouard constituency, and William Rigby, Grande Prairie constituency.

A vigorous program of organization will get under way there. It is worthy of note that it is the intention of this group to call a meeting at McLennan in the near future that will take the nature of a school for active workers. Watch for a further announcement. J. E. Cook, provincial president, and Alberta campaign manager, attended both these meetings.

### BEAVER RIVER

The Beaver River provincial constituency annual convention will be held at La Biche on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1945. Mr. J. E. Cook, provincial president, will attend and will address a public meeting in the evening. Opportunity will be taken at this convention to outline plans for Federal election organization.

### ATHABASCA

The Athabasca provincial constituency will hold their annual convention on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1945, at Athabasca. Mr. J. E. Cook, provincial president, will address the convention and will use this opportunity to lay down plans for Federal organization work.

### LAC STE. ANNE

A conference of Lac Ste. Anne constituency officers and C.C.F. members will be held at Onaway of Friday, Jan. 12, 1945. Mr. J. E. Cook, provincial president and Federal campaign manager, will be present for the purpose of outlining Federal organization work.

### STONY PLAIN

J. E. Cook, provincial president and federal campaign manager, will meet the Stony Plain Constituency Association officers and members at a conference at Stony Plain on Saturday, Jan. 13, when he will discuss Federal organization work.

### PEACE RIVER BLOCK

Mr. William Irvine, candidate for the Cariboo, recently concluded a successful tour of the Peace River Block.

He attended a meeting of the constituency executive and a campaign committee for this part of the riding was formed, composed of Messrs. Tucker, Roche, Bunsford, Millar, Mudman, Hall, Carlson, Warder, Mrs. Clarke, while Mr. W. M. Close was elected campaign manager.

It was also decided to call a convention before spring to nominate a candidate for the provincial constituency.

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## Labor Council in Prince Rupert, B.C.

Prince Rupert elected a strong Labor council for the ensuing year in the recent civic elections. The Civic Labor Federation, financed by all trades unions with charters in the city, and consisting of three delegates from each union local, ran a full slate, and elected three aldermen and two school trustees. Mayor H. M. Daggart, Federation candidate, was re-elected by acclamation.

Labor in Prince Rupert now has a majority of seven to two in the city hall, and four to one on the school board.

The provincial government having granted the city the right to purchase the Arrow Bus Lines and operate it as a public utility, a distinct class question was before the voters. The Non-Partisans rallied in support of "private enterprise" and defeated the bus by-law 462 to 282.

## Grace MacInnis is Speaker at First Meeting Wash. CCF

Recently, in one of Seattle's downtown hotels, the nucleus of Washington's Co-operative Commonwealth Party (CCP) held its first public meeting. Speaker for the occasion was Grace MacInnis, C.C.F. member in the British Columbia Legislature. Memberships were taken and about \$200 raised in cash and pledges to start statewide organization.

## The People Speak

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have been shackled for the past 22 years and the city of Calgary has been deprived of sufficient housing, adequate hospital accommodation, adequate schools, adequately equipped children's playground, new and adequate transportation, ambulances, good roads, adequate drainage, more subways under C. P. R. tracks, more library branches and many other necessary things.

It is true the C.G.T.A. has saved the taxpayers of the city a large amount of money in the past 22 years, but it has resulted in depriving the citizens of all the above things and in producing a city of which the C.G.T.A. and taxpayers should be absolutely ashamed.

We wonder if the citizens of Calgary are quite so democratic as they think they are. We also wonder if the citizens of Edmonton are not tarred with this same brush.

B. A. S.

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## Big Gain Reported In Union Membership

OTTAWA.—Union membership in Canada has increased by more than 85 per cent since the beginning of the war, according to figures appearing in the Department of Labour's 33rd annual report on "Labour Organization in Canada."

The current issue, which will be ready for distribution in about 10 days, contains statistics for the calendar year 1943. Total union membership is given as 664,533, compared with 355,967 for 1939. Membership figures are based on reports from headquarters of the various unions as of December 31, 1943.

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# A Liberal Oracle Speaks

## By LEE McINTYRE

Mr. Bruce Hutchison who makes his living by writing drivel in support of the Liberal Party crawls into a nebulous abstraction when asked to meet the realities of human life. When the conscription issue could no longer be ignored by the Liberal Party; when Col. Ralston resigned because he was not allowed to provide reinforcements for our armies through conscription; and when the Liberal party was being rightly censured by the great majority of the Canadian people, Bruce Hutchison tries to bury the whole issue in a salve of literary froth.

He writes, "There is no crisis in Canada." How absurd to think that mere men could create a crisis in Canada! Mr. Hutchison was certain there could be no crisis because when he came back from the United States that terrain which lies north of the 49th parallel known as Canada was still there. "The land of Canada," says he, "filled with its own sure energy, lies out there untouched by all the excitement and doubts of these last weeks that we call the crisis. No speeches alter it. No votes in parliament make it live more or less. It does not heed the hoarse voices of politics. It has not heard of conscription. To it Mr. King and General McNaughton and Colonel Ralston and all the others are strangers. They and all of us, will soon be gone. The land will remain forever."

### Salve for Liberal Blunders

And that was the salve for the blunders of the Liberal party which the daily press carried from the pen of the man who has dipped his pen into everything in his time and wound up in the same nebulousity on every occasion.

To be sure Canada is still here. But our boys are over there. No one except Mr. Hutchison expected Canada to run away. And of course the Rocky Mountains and the Great Lakes as well as the prairies and the forests do not fight with each other; they are not conscious of any crisis; they don't care whether the boys at the front have sufficient reserves or not, nor would the Rocky Mountains weep any more tears into the Great Lakes if our armies never returned. They would not care even if Mr. Hutchison had stayed in the U.S.A.; and they would probably stay where they are and look as high as their bright in the sunshine and have quite as many "insects" crawling over them if Hitler were to come and take possession of them.

Yes, doubtless the prairies, and the insects, the mountains and the great lakes which is Canada would be there just as Hutchison saw them even if the "crisis", the existence of which he denies, should bring Hitler to possess them and leave the boys who were born in Canada and who are fighting for the right to live in it, should be left unprotected and to be defeated by the Nazis.

### Fairest Way

Let us take comfort from this, argues this dim blurred light of liberalism, that the land which is Canada will be here forever, for all of us will soon be gone. To be sure all of us will soon be gone. That is why we came. But the point is that we have not gone yet and are now at war. Our men need reinforcements; conscription is the fairest and most efficient way of getting reinforcements; and if our

men at the front do not get the reinforcements they will be gone long before Bruce Hutchison and the rest of us go.

This Liberal scribe apparently thinks that by closing his eyes on human affairs they will all be solved by timely death. What would he have us do? Would it satisfy him if all the people of Canada rushed out and fell on their bellies on the prairies, clutched the grass and said, "O Canada you are still here, and we will all be gone soon, therefore there is no crisis on the Western front, our boys do not need reinforcements, and so we shall lie here and worship at the shrine of terra firma permanence."

### "Harlot of the Arts"

And yet "there is no crisis in Canada" is perhaps, the most revealing thing which its author ever wrote. He reveals the abyssal depths of the vacuum from which it emerged. The man who wrote that in the face of the realities of the situation now facing Canada can and will be discounted as a guide or adviser when other problems arise in times to come. Verily Horace was right when he said that "Rhetoric is the harlot of the arts."

The fact is that "we are neither children nor gods, but men in a world of men." It is among men that the realists age the crisis. We do not expect a crisis in the substances of which Canada is composed. To tell us there is no crisis in that is to tell us exactly nothing.

## BENGOUGH RENEWS LABOR WAR PLEDGE

"All possible in winning the war" in the shortest possible time, is the immediate objective of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, President Percy R. Bengough declares in extending New Year greetings to the citizens of Canada. "When peace is declared," he says, "we must be prepared to devote the same ingenuity for constructive purposes as we have been compelled to use for destructive purposes. We must plan, organize and work for the establishment of a lasting peace, and for a democracy in which all people can live in a world rid of fear, a world in which all able to work can have full employment with a standard of living allowing comfortable homes and happy lives, with sufficient treatment for sickness and full protection for the aged."

"In this streamlined age and scientific world these things are possible and easy of accomplishment. Organized Labor's objectives are, early victory, world peace and full and complete lives for all people. With such thoughts in mind, we extend to all our best wishes and our best work for Victory in the coming year."

Recognizing its debt to those who are giving their lives on the battle fronts of the world, the Congress president draws attention to the convention pledge, "No strikes or stoppages of production in wartime." All Canadians must not falter in keeping this need continually in mind, Mr. Bengough declares.

## A New Year's Message

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In the liberated areas governments must be fully in accord with, and representative of, the democratic resistance forces. In the Councils of the United Nations there must be harmony based upon the principles of the Atlantic Charter and a clear recognition that independent big-power intervention in any country or any sphere is contrary to those principles.

Let us restate in clear terms the democratic objectives for which we are fighting. Only through the steadfast pursuit of those objectives can we undermine the Nazi doctrine, enhearten our fighting men, and enlist to our support the world-wide democratic forces. We cannot fight Germany and Japan with one hand, and social advance with the other.

At Montreal our National Convention laid down an election program which is a clarion call to the Canadian people. If we fight for that program, we may yet form the next government at Ottawa, and proceed to the practical application of its co-operative principles. That is the task before us.

Please accept my sincere wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May that New Year be one of rejoicing for all our people.

## FIRMS ALREADY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LABOR SURPLUS

Jobs are no longer seeking women and evidently some employers are already taking advantage of this situation, according to a reader of The People's Weekly.

Minimum wage regulations require firms in a certain category to pay their employees \$15 for a full working week. If they work their employees only 30 hours they must pay the \$15 rate nevertheless. However, if they should direct any employee to work only 20 hours they may pay her at the hourly minimum rate which is 35 cents. It is claimed that some employers have been asked to work six hours a day for five days a week, with the exception of one day when they are sent home a half hour early and thus exempt an employee from paying the \$15 minimum rate. Apparently there is nothing a Board of Industrial Relations can do to combat such a situation and the poor employee must grin and bear it, go jobless, or perchance pranzize his fellow employees into a strong trade union group.

This is one of the "benefits" of Free Private Enterprise that its advocates are careful not to list, a forerunner of the new order that awaits the workers at the conclusion of the war under the free private enterprise system which incidentally is also free to practice its own particular brand of regimentation when labor becomes a drug on the market.

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## THE DIFFERENCE

By A. M. NICHOLSON, M.P.

On the 23rd of June, Central Middlesex County experienced one of the worst storms even known to occur in Ontario. A cyclone, cutting a 'mile-wide swath,' ripped through the countryside from Adelaide Township in the north to Strathroy in the south. Within half an hour, farmyards became masses of twisted wire, uprooted timbers, and fallen bricks. Huge trees and poles blocked the roads, and both telephone and hydro facilities were interrupted. Crops were damaged by sheets of rain in some areas, and in others, whole orchards were twisted and torn.

Damage was estimated to exceed \$100,000. One farmer set his total loss at \$5,000, and many others ranged from that figure to \$3500. To help repair the damage, the Wind Disaster Fund was set up. Premier Drew announced that the Provincial Government would match the contributions up to

\$100,000—an amount which was only equal to twice what one farmer, out of hundreds, lost alone. By the end of July, the fund amounted to \$9,881.70, which, even with the \$10,000 promised by Drew, was only a small fraction of what was actually required. The manpower shortage had been relieved by army aid, but building materials had still to be bought, and financial assistance was coming in too slowly to make immediate repairs possible in many cases. Contributions have continued, however, and up to date, the total amount in the fund is \$28,217.02, plus the \$10,000 from the government.

While many people will say that these figures, as they stand alone, are admirable, a little comparison might serve to bring home their inadequacy.

On August 9th, the town of Kam-sack, Saskatchewan, was flattened by a similar, if not greater, storm. Roofs were lifted, buildings smashed, and trees felled. As a means of remedy, the Saskatchewan Government immediately (not a month later), passed an order-in-council giving \$50,000 (five times Drew's donation) to the cause.

This greater stimulus brought in over eight times the contributions that the Ontario disaster, called forth. \$230,000 was received from individuals and organizations, the fund totalling \$273,500 when the Government's appropriation was taken into account. Where in Ontario the fund could only supply partial help, out of the Saskatchewan fund, almost all the buildings and property losses have been restored.

The capacity of appraising immediate situations and meeting the needs promptly and adequately seems to be a characteristic of the new C.C.F. government in Saskatchewan. Such a trait is found only in a group where the requirements of the people are a first charge on their consideration. It augurs well for future C.C.F. success if in one incident such as this, they can do five times as well as the Tories.

## ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES IN ALBERTA

Three high schools in Edmonton have now been opened in the evenings for adult education classes under the direction of the Department of Extension and the Alberta Adult Education Association.

Adult students will attend Garneau, Eastwood and Westglen one day in the week for six consecutive weeks. For the first period, they enrol in any one of six subjects: Home Building, Know Alberta, Current History, Science, Child Psychology and Systems of Government. At Eastwood School there is a class in English for those with limited acquaintance with the language.

The Calgary Council on Adult Education has launched a similar scheme. Western Canada High School is being used for classes on six consecutive Monday evenings. Well-known speakers and instructors have been secured to deal with the following subjects: So You're Going to Build, Current Events, Know Your City, Appreciation of Canadian Literature and the World of Science. A course in union appreciation offered each Sunday at the Public Library is also sponsored by the Calgary Council.

Medicine Hat is planning now for a series to begin after the Christmas holidays, as is Lacombe.

Inquiries should be directed to Mr. Leonard Bercuson, Secretary-Treasurer, Correspondence School Branch, Department of Education, Edmonton.

## LABOR DIRECTORY

Look Here for Information Regarding Officers, Meetings, etc., of Trade Unions and Other Labor Organizations in the Province

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# The C.C.F. GROWS UP

By Elmore Philpott

IN COMPARISON WITH THE old line parties, the C.C.F. is a mere youngster. It came into the world, bawling lustily that the world was out of joint. But there was no defeatism in the make-up of this infant. It had no inferiority complex. The C.C.F. baby proceeded to tell the world what it proposed to do about things.

It soon became apparent that the C.C.F. could not change Canada or the world overnight. But the C.C.F. did not go "the way of all flesh." It did not fade away, like the numerous protest parties which had preceded it in Canada. Even the war did not put the C.C.F. out of the picture.

In spite of making almost all the mistakes that it was possible to make; in spite of quarrels within; in spite of all the afflictions that it is possible for a youngster to get—everything from the political whooping cough to political measles—the C.C.F. has continued to grow in stature and prestige.

It has grown up—not so much because of invariably brilliant leadership as because of a pressing public need for what it seems to offer.

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THE NOISE AND TUMULT of the recent political crisis in Canada the results of the C.C.F. convention at Montreal were largely overlooked.

Yet the plain fact was that the C.C.F. made a move in which it has led the entire world. It was not till I read this in a New York newspaper that I realized what the C.C.F. had done:

"In Canada early this month world government became, for the first time anywhere, a plank in the platform of a major political party."

The C.C.F. manifesto does go much further than any major party had, at least in the English-speaking world. It says:

"Future wars cannot be avoided without the establishment of a government at the international level, democratically representative of all the peoples great and small, and endowed with the paramount powers necessary to maintain peace and to provide economic justice and equality of opportunity among the peoples of the world."

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CANADA LED THE WORLD in the fight for domestic responsible government, obtained without revolution. In some respects there was nothing new in the demands made by Joseph Howe, Papineau, or William Lyon Mackenzie. What these leaders fought for, in widely separated parts of Canada, was the principle that Englishmen had won in the revolution of 1688 or the Americans had won in 1776.

Canada's unique contribution to world democracy was that responsible government was won here without a revolution. Canada retained her place in the British world community. But Canada won, within that world community, the application of the principle of "government of the people, for the people, and by the people."

So it may be that this young nation may yet play a part in human affairs which timid people might consider beyond our capacity.

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WE HAVE RESPONSIBLE government in our own localities—with mayors or Reeves and Councils to make our local laws.

We have responsible government in each region, which we call provinces. In each region, men and

women elected by the people themselves make social laws to govern such things as education and social welfare.

We have responsible government within our nation. Our national parliament, elected by all the people, and dismissible or changeable by the same people, makes laws about trade and finance and defense.

But there is no responsible government where we need it most, to make law between the nations. The only real law between the nations is the jungle law—the law of tooth and claw. The country correctly called a "power" which has enough guns to impose its will gets its way in the anarchy of power politics.

There is no hope of escape from never-ending wars—with each world war worse than the one before—until mankind gets the Parliament of Man.

War cannot be ended by war alone—but only by the organization of the means to keep just peace.

Maybe the C.C.F. is but a baby, or a child among the nations. But the Good Book says something about a child leading the nations in the way of peace.

## Overseas Brides Get Special Service

WINNIPEG.—Red Cross officials estimate that some 26,000 Canadian soldiers serving overseas have married British girls and that all of these wives will be coming to Canada to live.

A great many have already arrived. The Canadian National Railways has been host to 3,000 British war brides and their 1,500 children, and has operated 20 special trains since the first in April, 1943, of the first group from overseas. The trains, referred to as "thomas on wheels" even have clothes lines strung up for the babies' washing.

## A Bit of Nonsense

The female of the species gains a knowledge of masculine ways and wiles at a tender age.

Mabel, aged three, had been playing with a little boy, a newcomer in the community. Presently there was a fight. A battered Mabel streaked for parental solace, wailing, "Mother, I got bit by a wolf!"

—Atlanta Journal.

An old Scotch woman was wandering around the museum with her grandson. When they came to the usual statue of Venus de Milo, with half an arm missing on one side and the whole arm cut away on the other. "There ye are, my lad," said the old grandmother, wagging her finger to the youngster, "that's what comes o' biting your fingernails!"

Teacher: "Do you know why the little chickens come out of the eggs, Tommy?"

Tommy: "They know they'd get cooked, if they stayed inside."

Public Opinion: What people think other people are thinking.

An optimist: A crossword puzzle fan who starts with a fountain pen.

Remote control: The kind most parents have over their children.

Bride: "I'm glad you like it, dear. Mother always said chicken salad and gooseberry tarts are the only things I make really well."

Groom: "Well, which is this?"



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## Social-Economic Movements

A Review by  
M. J. COLDWELL, M.P.

A book of great importance and value for socialists has just been published by Messrs. Thomas Y. Crowell and Company of New York, entitled "Social-Economic Movements."

It is a survey of social and economic movements by Dr. Harry W. Laidler, Executive Director of the League for Industrial Democracy. It is, I believe, the first volume ever to appear which gives a comprehensive picture of all the important movements for fundamental, economic and social change. It is, indeed, an historical and comparative survey of socialism, communism, co-operation, utopianism

and other systems of reform and reconstruction.

It is particularly interesting to Canadians, because it places in historic perspective the various movements which have in the past paved the way for the rise of democratic socialist movements like the C.C.F. Dr. Laidler gives a history of these movements and systems of thought, and describes the social environment which led to their development. He sets forth the main principles, policies, leadership and achievements, and makes comparisons with other reform and reconstruction movements. The 750 pages he has conjured a wealth of valuable information.

The volume has a very comprehensive table of contents and a good index which enable one to look up any of the important movements and persons connected with them, with ease and rapidity.

I can highly recommend this volume, which I think should be available to all students of social and economic thought and policies.

## To Trade With

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the beneficial effects of which would be felt far beyond the confines of Saskatchewan.

The Old Country co-operatives are in business in a big way, supplying most of the consumer needs of twenty to twenty-two million people. Scottish co-operatives operate 88 factories, the British co-operatives 202, in which are produced a wide variety of products.

The United Kingdom co-operatives are interested in practically all kinds of agricultural products. They are seeking expanded markets at present, and provided Canada's postwar tariffs are favorable, look for a greatly increased exchange of goods with this Dominion, especially Western Canada.

In volume of business done by co-operatives, Saskatchewan led the Dominion in 1943 with a total of \$100,423,432, according to a report issued by the economics branch of the federal department of agriculture. Total business for the nine provinces was \$352,785,593, with co-operative patrons estimated at 608,680 and shareholders and members financially interested numbering 585,826. Ontario ranked next to Saskatchewan in volume of co-operative business with \$55,966,902. Other figures were Alberta, \$50,980,411; Manitoba, \$35,933,499; British Columbia, \$20,820,791.

The report revealed that co-operatives handled 43 per cent of all commercial marketing of grain, 17 per cent of cattle, hogs, sheep and lambs, about 14 per cent of the total sales of fluid-milk and 35 per cent of fruits and vegetables. Altogether, co-operatives handled about 24 per cent of the main farm products sold on a commercial basis.

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first plank in the C.C.F. platform is nationalization of financial institutions. But the cure is not in nationalization alone. Nationalization, however, will make it possible for a C.C.F. government to institute a financial policy which will be in keeping with the principle that whatever is physically possible is financially possible.

Those who insist that a mere change in monetary policy will remove all the economic ills of society are no more in error than those who think that the evils can be removed without a change in financial policy.

"It's not so easy after all" writes W. L. Clark in the *Windsor Star*. He was referring to the C.C.F. government in Saskatchewan. He contended that the Douglas government was finding out now what every other government in Canada had found out namely, that "it is easy to promise things when not in office, but it is so much harder to make good on the promises if elected to office." That of course is an observation so trite as to be hardly worth making. However, there is an exception to that rule too. It is harder now for the old parties to make new promises that people will accept, than it is for the C.C.F. to carry out its policy.

## Labor Urges

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a trading bank would unify and inspire the Labor Movement more than anything else they could do. The decision was as follows:—

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(1) Assisting and rehabilitating returning servicemen; and for

(2) The reconstruction and development of the Dominion both now and in the immediate post-war years.

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By LORNE INGLE

## MEDICAL "REGIMENTATION"

Last night I heard a "die-hard" Liberal of the old school discussing the C.C.F. government plan for free medical and hospital treatment for the old-age pensioners, blind people, needy widows and orphans of Saskatchewan. "Regimentation!" he exclaimed. "Straight regimentation! It's the first step towards Hitlerism!"

This man has allowed his mind to become so warped with bitter partisan hatred and blind prejudice that he is utterly incapable of looking at the plan from the point of view of those who will benefit under it. The late, Eric Knight once addressed a question to people who, like this Liberal, could never sympathetically understand the position of people suffering from poverty because they had never so suffered themselves. He said to them:

"Do you know the smell of poverty? Do you know what life is like there? Did you ever sit by the hour as a child with your feet in the oven to cure chilblains and know the hopelessness of your own crying because you were too poor to have boots that didn't leak? Did you ever sit for days by the hearth holding a bread poultice to your distended jaw where decayed teeth and splintered bones rotted their way out— sit there for days in misery, hiding it until the whole mass burst, and blood and puss and splintered jawbone and all cascaded down into your own small, trembling hands? Did you ever know poverty so real that every factor of life is measured against the reply of: 'We've no money'?"

Because of the resolute determination of the C.C.F. government to carry out its election program 26,000 people in Saskatchewan, 25,000 who need the help most, have never again known that kind of suffering because they have no money.

Regimentation indeed! If that is regimentation, then let's have more of it. Let's have such medical regimentation throughout this land that no person will ever again lack the hospital and doctor care they require. Let's have an end to the bodily misery and torment that Canadians have gone and are going through because proper and adequate hospital, medical and dental care are beyond their reach.

PAC COMMITTEE  
STUDY PROGRAMS

OTTAWA.—The political Action Committee of the Canadian Congress of Labour will launch an immediate political educational and organizational campaign among Canadian workers, it was announced by C. H. Millard, M.P.P., chairman of the committee, following a day-long session in Ottawa.

Emmon Park of the United Steelworkers of America has been named as director of organization for the committee and he will devote his full time to the developing of the unions' political program.

The Canadian Congress of Labour has endorsed the C.C.F. "as the political arm of labour" but the functions and activities of the P.A.C. will be independent of any particular political party. The 29-point P.A.C. program endorsed at the recent convention of the Canadian Congress of Labour at Quebec City has been submitted to all major political parties in Canada. Replies have been received from the Liberal, Conservative and C.C.F. parties. None had been received from the Social Credit or L.P.P. Group. It was decided that when all statements from political leaders had been received, or sufficient time had elapsed for study of the program submitted by the unions, correspondence between the committee and the political leaders would be made public.

## PERSONAL STUFF

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they will find the same kind of people in this town."

I remember hearing addresses by two men who had been in Soviet Russia in the same party. One of them told of conditions which compared unfavorably with those with which he was familiar in Canada. The other told of amazing economic, educational and social progress; of a great nation emerging from dark feudalism into a modern civilization. Each saw what he wanted most to see. I have a friend who had an unfortunate experience with a man of a certain race. It had colored his whole attitude toward people of that race, just as mine has been determined by experiences of a completely opposite nature. Examples of this kind are illimitable. What can we do about it? Are prejudices already so deep, and the human mind and emotions so susceptible to new ones, that there must remain no solution to the problem of human relationship?

I have been in another country for the past two weeks. They have a racial problem about the handling of which Canadians can be rightfully indignant. Sheer hypocrisy, most of it. We talk about racial equality and when it gets down to cases we react just about the same as the people we condemn. A very fine Negro girl made application to train as a nurse in our publicly-owned hospital in Edmonton a few years ago. She was at first accepted because there was no excuse not to accept her. She had every qualification—and she greatly wanted to be a nurse. And then our boasted Canadian racial toleration came to trial—and failed miserably. Because she was colored the girl was denied the right to the career she longed to enter. Question: Might she have been better off under the "segregation" employed in the Southern States? At least there she could have become a nurse, trained in a Negro hospital. We denied her that chance.

There is only one solution to so-called racial problems and that is one of all-out equality of opportunity and the abolition of prejudice. Until that is achieved in our own country we'd better shut up about color or racial prejudices in any other nation. "Would you have a Negro come into your home to visit and eat with your family?" a Canadian who went to live in the States was asked. "It depends on the person," she replied. "There are many white people whom I would not invite to my home." So it is equality of opportunity to achieve the highest possible social desirability that is needed and wanted by the people of all races. As long as they are denied that equality, of opportunity, and to the extent that they are denied it, so long will color or race be a mark of undesirability. I am not stating anything new here. I've heard lots of Canadians talk like this. But a cultured colored girl couldn't be a nurse in Edmonton. We don't practice what we preach. And until we do the principle enunciated by the old Quaker will continue to apply—we'll find that the people of any community or race are to us just about what our own prejudices and intolerance make them.

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## YOUTH TOMORROW

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Miss Barbara Davidson, Editor  
Box 512, Edmonton

\*a regular report of our club's activities.

Amongst the collection of usual season's greetings received during the past few weeks was a very original one conveying the wish for a Happy New Era. We are passing it on to you as it is particularly appropriate when used in connection with this movement of ours.

Not all the results of a year's endeavor are realized during that year or even the next, but all the efforts of all the years add up and will appear in results later on. While we are glad to report excellent progress throughout the province this past year and while we sincerely wish for greater success in 1945, we should not get into the habit of living merely from year to year. If we are going to meet disappointments and avoid discouragement we must have a longer range view of progress in general and a clear picture of the part we can and do play in that progress. When we have that perspective we can meet adversities as they occur, rejoicing quietly in sound advancement and continue ever onward in full confidence. And so we wish you all a successful New Year and a Happy New Era.

—W.M.

To All Club Reporters—

Your New Year's Resolution. (?)

—I resolve that the editor of this C.C.Y.M. corner will receive

READY GIVE LEAD  
SAYS LABOR HEAD

"Instead of regarding Labor as a threat to economic security, the people of Canada may properly look to Labor to give leadership toward a social order under which it will be possible to obtain economic security," said A. R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Congress of Labor in his New Year message. "The danger," he said, "is not that Labor will become too strong but that the reactionary forces of the nation will be able to maintain their dominance over both government and industry. It is much more unlikely that change will take place too quickly than that it will be delayed so long that another economic depression will overwhelm the nation."

## Lessons of War

"The war has shown what can be accomplished by even a small population when its efforts are co-ordinated and directed toward a single purpose. It would be tragic if the lessons which the war has taught are ignored once the war is won."

No objective is impossible of attainment if the varied interests co-operate to carry through a program of legislative and economic reconstruction; if each one struggles for its own interests, nothing can save the country from disaster, he avers.

"In some respects," he says, "the Canadian people stand at the cross-roads. They may have to decide in the coming year whether and to what extent they are prepared to chart a fresh pathway toward the solution of their economic and political problems. I believe that the Labor movement is ready to take that pathway, and to help to establish a way of life in both the national and the international realms which will compensate to some extent for the sacrifices which have been made during the war."

NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO VISIT ALBERTA



Edmonton and Calgary, C.C.Y.M. Planning for Big Evening.

Doris French, our newly elected national president, will be visiting in both cities on her way East. She will stop in Calgary, Thursday evening, Jan. 11. Miss June Scott, Calgary president, is in charge of arrangements which is assurance of a fine welcome there.

Then coming to Edmonton Friday, Doris will address a general meeting in the evening. She will also have the opportunity to meet and confer with the national council member and publicity director.

Our president's message is worth while. Her faithful work with the C.C.Y.M. has given her an understanding of the problems and difficulties, as well as our purpose and objective. She will bring us news from the C.C.Y.M. in British Columbia, and her home province of Saskatchewan.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to meet the national president of the C.C.Y.M. We are confident all members will attend in full force. We especially invite club members outside the city and interested C.C.F. members.

## Drop Director of

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not always acceptable to many of the other members. Her proposal advocating the appointment of a social service worker for the hospital was approved however. She was most anxious to see that provision should be made to accept women internes at the Royal Alexandra hospital. She strongly opposed the proposal to increase the ward rates (a 20 per cent increase for public wards and under 10 per cent for private wards).

Ald. Ainsley was himself appointed to the Board, other members getting the nod for three-year terms being Ald. F. J. Mitchell (Citizens); Ald. S. Parsons (Citizens); Guy Patterson, K.C. and Fraser Duncan, K.C.

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